GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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LEASING OF AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India (AI) and Indian Airlines (IA) propose to lease more aircraft to increase their existing services;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the details of the terms and conditions on which lease agreements have so far been signed by these airlines; and

(d) the sector identified by these airlines for using the aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Air India

One B777-200A aircraft is scheduled to be inducted on 15.12.2005 by Air India. Besides, Air India proposes to take 6 aircraft for itself and 7 B737-200 aircraft for Air India Express on dry lease basis for delivery in the year 2006.

Indian Airlines Limited

Indian Airlines proposes to dry lease 3 A320 aircraft and 3 A319 aircraft.

(c):- Terms and conditions for taking aircraft on lease basis vary from lessor to lessor, aircraft to aircraft, their conditions, age, airframe/engine combination, duration of lease, number of aircraft and the prevalent market conditions. Generally, aircraft under 15 years of age are taken on lease for a term of 3-5 years.

(d):- Indian Airlines proposes to utilize the leased aircraft on the total network of Indian Airlines and Alliance Air. As regards Air India, the sectors and routes to be operated by their aircraft will be finalized at the stage of lease evaluation.